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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**BUS PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM WITH THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Approve the continuation of the subject program to provide subsidized monthly bus fares for eligible Los Angeles County unincorporated area residents as part of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program for Fiscal Year 2002-03 at an estimated cost of \$530,000.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to sign the Fourth Amendment to Agreement No. 71877 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue this program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since 1985, your Board has approved agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), or its predecessor agencies, providing for them to sell monthly bus passes at a reduced rate to eligible senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and students residing in the unincorporated areas of the County. In 1993, your Board approved the expansion of this program to include the MTA/Foothill Transit joint bus pass.

This action will provide for the continuation of the subsidized monthly bus passes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-03.

This program has annually provided approximately 50,000 subsidized monthly passes to eligible unincorporated County residents. In doing so, it contributed to the use of public transit and in meeting the transit needs of eligible residents. By continuing the program in FY 2002-03, the subject transit needs will continue to be met.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. This program will provide an opportunity for eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, and students to access public transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This program permits the sale of monthly bus passes as follows:

<u>MTA Pass:</u>	<u>Regular Cost</u>	<u>County Subsidy</u>	<u>Cost to Eligible County Residents</u>
Elderly and Disabled	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Students (Grades K-12)	\$20.00	\$ 8.00	\$12.00
College	\$30.00	\$11.00	\$19.00

<u>MTA\Foothill Transit Joint Pass:</u>	<u>Regular Cost</u>	<u>County Subsidy</u>	<u>Cost to Eligible County Residents</u>
Elderly and Disabled	\$15.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
Students (Grades K-12)	\$25.00	\$ 8.00	\$17.00
College Students	\$36.00	\$11.00	\$25.00

The program also calls for the MTA to review applicants' addresses to certify that they are eligible to participate in this program and to document in which Supervisorial District the applicant resides. Student patron certifications, which must be renewed annually, include a 12-month punch card to ensure that only one pass per month is purchased. The County also will pay the MTA \$0.65 for each student pass sold to cover the MTA's cost to process a monthly purchase card. Disabled patron certifications must be renewed from every three months to three years depending upon the disability, and senior patron certifications must be renewed every five years. The MTA charges the following for certification processing:

<u>Pass Category</u>	<u>Certification Fee</u>
Students	\$4.05
Elderly and Disabled	\$2.75

The anticipated cost of the FY 2002-03 program for each Supervisorial District is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Subsidy/Certifications/ County Staff Support</u>	<u>Baldwin Hills Center</u>	<u>MTA Administration</u>	<u>Totals FY 2002-03</u>
1	\$273,300	0	\$39,000	\$312,300
2	\$ 25,100	\$50,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 78,700
3	\$ 5,600	0	\$ 800	\$ 6,400
4	\$ 25,400	0	\$ 3,600	\$ 29,000
5	<u>\$ 90,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$103,600</u>
	\$420,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$530,000

The total estimated cost of this service is \$530,000, which includes a maximum contribution of \$504,000 to the MTA and \$26,000 for County staff support.

This program will be financed from each Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the Transit Enterprise Fund administered by Public Works.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Amendment, which will be approved as to form by County Counsel, provides for the MTA to provide subsidized monthly bus fares for eligible Los Angeles County unincorporated area residents and administer the program, as described herein, at a maximum cost of \$504,000. The County's payment to MTA will be based on the actual cost incurred by MTA.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 5, 2001, Synopsis 63, your Board found this service categorically exempt from the reporting requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15273 of said Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel